

**State Project No. 76-217  
Federal Aid Project No. (PE) PEDS (145)  
Construction of Charter Oak Greenway Shared Use Path**

**Towns of Manchester and Bolton**

**Public Information Meeting  
Held at the Bolton Center Road  
Wednesday, January 23, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**Prior to Presentation:** Color plans were displayed for the 6:30 p.m. informal question and answer session prior to the 7:00 p.m. formal Public Informational Meeting. The meeting was attended by approximately 50 to 60 members of the public.

**Presentation:** The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. A detailed PowerPoint presentation was delivered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) personnel concerning the proposed design of the Charter Oak Greenway shared use path (path) in the Towns of Manchester and Bolton.

The presentation covered the following:

- ⇒ Purpose, need and benefits of project
- ⇒ Existing conditions
- ⇒ Proposed path alignment was presented including: construction of pedestrian bridges over Camp Meeting Road (west of Birch Mountain Road and Route 6/44)
- ⇒ Minor property acquisitions, slope easements and some drainage easements are anticipated
- ⇒ Ingress and egress will be maintained at all times
- ⇒ The estimated construction cost of the project is \$11.4 million, funded with 80% Federal funds and 20% State funds
- ⇒ Construction is expected to begin in summer 2014, and be completed in fall 2016

**Public Comments, Questions, and Answers:** The meeting was attended by State Senator Steve Cassano of the 4<sup>th</sup> State Senate District, Representative Pamela Sawyer of the 55<sup>th</sup> District, Ms. Joyce Stille-the Town Administrative Officer and approximately 50 to 60 members of the public. Also, present during the latter portion of the meeting was Bolton First Selectman Robert Morra. There were a variety of questions regarding the proposed path alignment, parking areas, extending project limits towards Bolton Notch, maintenance of the path, path surface material, at grade crossing on Route 6/44, at grade crossing on Route 44/6/I-384 off ramp interchange, aesthetics of proposed bridge crossing on

Route 6/44, future Town Development, and project funding, which were answered by Department staff. State Senator Cassano, Representative Pamela Sawyer and Joyce Stille spoke on the merits of the project and called for greater public participation.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**Summary:** The project was well received and supported by the Town and those in attendance.